

were able to take hold of it, that we could mold and shape in the way I described earlier. And I am sure that if the people in this Legislature who recognize the seriousness of what it is that I am discussing at this moment would put their heads together, a solution could be arrived at. Senator Jones, let's say that I have a huge warehouse full of food, and you don't have any food, but you need some food, but you have something that I want. Well, then we get together and I offer you some of what I have that you need and want in exchange for something you have that I need and want. If there is no cash involved, we call it a system of barter. If there is cash, we buy and sell. But it is a situation where one person has something that the other wants and they come together and strike a deal or an agreement. That can be an example or a blueprint for things that happen in a legislative body. The thing that is puzzling is that if we all want a similar thing, it is puzzling why we cannot come together and achieve that. If this pen were a magic wand, and my waving it would cause that to happen, I would wave it. I just waved it and nothing happened, so it is obvious it is not. (Laughter) Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Chambers and Wickersham, just like Shakespeare and More, More and Shakespeare, but at any rate, this amendment that I am offering touches on the kind of thing that actually is percolating through the Legislature now. This amendment that I am offering would say that when it comes to agricultural and business inventory, which currently are exempt from paying personal property tax, would be exempt from property tax only if there were a vote of the people at a special or regular election, and a majority of those voting agreed to approve the exemption and continue to grant it. I say again, if it is a county which is primarily agricultural, they probably would vote to retain the exemption even though they have to swallow the fact that their city cousins are getting an exemption too. And the city mice, on the other hand, would know that in order to hit the country mice, they'd have to hurt themselves. So by tying these two together, each of the warring sides has been nullified, and each allows the other to obtain and make use of that which each finds to be in their own best interest. There is some work going on now, which is very crucial, and I hope it is successful. Periodically, there are reports like you get on the weather, but these reports, I think, are of more substance, I think they will be more reliable. The last... first report I had was stormy weather, no sun up in the sky, threatening, maybe a hurricane, maybe even an earthquake or two. But then the report that I am getting now reminds me of a little song that a youngster named